

# MICHIGAN WILD TURKEY HUNTING GUIDE

**2003 SPRING SEASON**

Application Period January 1–February 1, 2003

Apply online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)



**New turkey harvest reporting option**

## **Important Change for 2003:**

During the application period (Jan. 1–Feb. 1), hunters may apply for a license or purchase a license for the Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234). Hunters who purchase this license during the application period will not be charged the \$4 application fee.



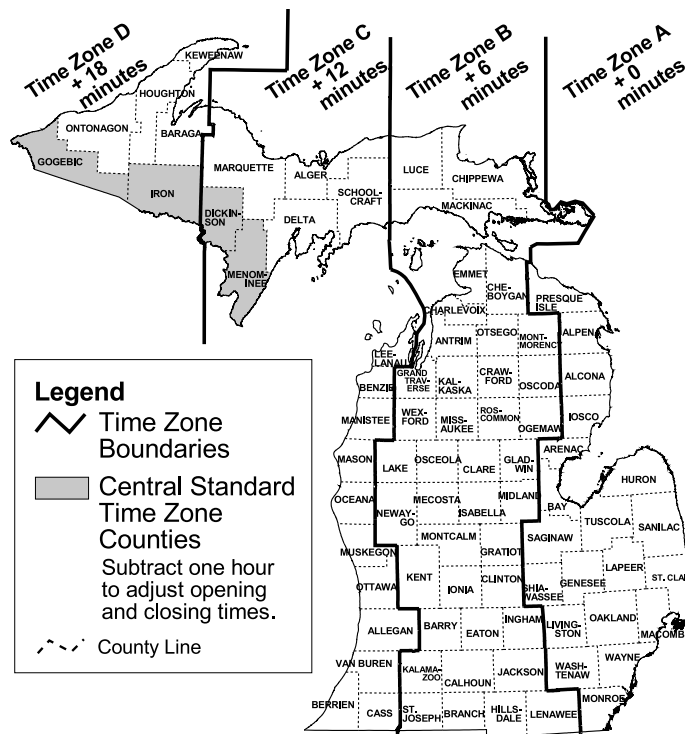
## Spring Turkey Hunting Hours

Below is a map of the 2003 hunting hour zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset) for Zone A are printed below. To determine the opening (a.m.) or closing (p.m.) time for any day in another zone, add the minutes shown on the map for the zone to the time from the Zone A table.

The hunting hour listed in the table reflects Eastern Standard Time adjusted for Daylight Savings Time where appropriate. If you are hunting in **Dickinson, Iron or Menominee** counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.

**Zone A Hunting Hours Table.**  
One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset  
(adjusted for Daylight Savings Time).

Add the minutes indicated below to the times listed in Table A.



2003	April		May	
Date	AM	PM	AM	PM
1			5:59	8:05
2			5:58	8:07
3			5:56	8:08
4			5:55	8:09
5			5:54	8:10
6			5:52	8:11
7			5:51	8:12
8			5:50	8:13
9			5:49	8:15
10			5:47	8:16
11			5:46	8:17
12			5:45	8:18
13			5:44	8:19
14			5:43	8:20
15			5:42	8:21
16			5:41	8:22
17			5:40	8:23
18			5:39	8:24
19			5:38	8:25
20			5:37	8:26
21	6:14	7:54	5:36	8:27
22	6:12	7:55	5:35	8:28
23	6:11	7:56	5:34	8:29
24	6:09	7:57	5:34	8:30
25	6:08	7:59	5:33	8:31
26	6:06	8:00	5:32	8:32
27	6:05	8:01	5:31	8:33
28	6:03	8:02	5:31	8:34
29	6:02	8:03	5:30	8:35
30	6:00	8:04	5:30	8:35
31			5:29	8:36

## Report January Sightings of Wild Turkey

Hunters can assist DNR efforts to locate and count wild turkeys in Michigan by reporting any sightings of wild turkeys during January. This information, which is kept confidential, is used to better manage the turkey resource. You can make your report online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr), or you can contact a DNR office listed in this guide.

## 2003 Spring Workshop Dates

The DNR, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association (MWTHA), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and other groups are cooperating to offer wild turkey hunter orientation courses. The training sessions are open to anyone and may include turkey hunting methods, calling, regulations and population status. A fee may be charged and space may be limited. For details, contact:

Jan. 18	Clare—Jay's Sporting Goods Michigan State Chapter NWTF Steve Sharp (517) 566-8599	Apr. 5	Davison—Williams Gun Sight Co. Flint River Chapter, NWTF Jim Miller (810) 736-1570
Mar. 8	Auburn Hills—Bass Pro Outdoor World Huron Valley Chapter/Beards and Spurs Chapter, NWTF Dan Potter (248) 548-2036	Apr. 5	Dundee—Cabela's River Raisin Chapter, NWTF AM and PM workshops John Smith (734) 529-4700
Mar. 15	Grand Rapids—Grand Center Grand Valley Chapter, NWTF Gary Salmon (616) 538-4934	Apr. 5	Hastings—Pierce Cedar Creek Institute Thornapple Valley Chapter, NWTF Casey Harris (269) 721-4190
Mar. 15	Vicksburg—Vicksburg Middle School S.W. Michigan Longbeards Chapter, NWTF Gary VanDyke (269) 649-0384	Apr. 9	Howell—Dick's Sports Center Livingston County Longbeards, NWTF Paul Camilleri (517) 552-8521
Mar. 27	Dundee—Cabela's River Raisin Chapter, NWTF John Smith (734) 529-4700	Apr. 12	Gaylord—Jays Sporting Goods Traverse Bay Chapter, MWTHA Rick Riley (231) 549-2705
Mar. 29	Allegan—Allegan State Game Area Headquarters Highbanks Longbeards/Van Buren Longbeards, NWTF Bert VanderWeele (269) 217-3310	Apr. 19	Marshall—Cornwell's Turkey Farm Turkeyville Toms, NWTF Albert Bobrofsky (269) 968-4345
Mar. 29	Baldwin—Baldwin High School Pere Marquette Chapter, MWTHA Jim Maturen (231) 832-2575		

**REPORT ALL POACHING**

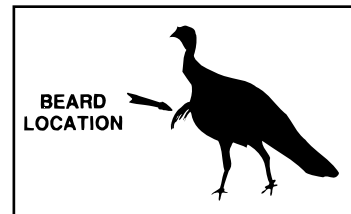
**Call: 800-292-7800**

**TTY—Hearing impaired, 711 (Michigan Relay Center)**

## General Rules

**Hunting Hours**—It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a turkey except from 1/2 hour before local sunrise to 1/2 hour before local sunset. See the hunting hours in this guide.

**Bag Limit**—One bearded turkey per licensed hunter. See diagram for beard location. It is unlawful to take or possess a turkey that does not have a beard, or tag a bird you did not kill. Turkeys may not be taken while they are in a tree.



**Hunting Methods**—Hunters are allowed to use a bow and arrow, a firearm which fires a shotgun shell or a muzzleloading shotgun for turkey hunting. It is unlawful to use or carry any ammunition except shotgun shells loaded with No. 4 or smaller shot, or to use or carry loose shot larger than No. 4 for muzzleloading hunting. Archery hunters may hunt turkeys from an elevated stand or tree. A hunter using, or in possession of, a firearm may not hunt from an elevated stand or tree. Dogs or electronic recordings are illegal.

**Authority to Hunt**—A person shall not hunt wild turkeys in any area or during any hunt period other than the area and hunt period designated on their license.

**Validating Kills**—Immediately after killing a turkey, a person shall validate their license by cutting out the appropriate information as instructed on the license and by wrapping and securing the license around a leg of the bird.

A person shall not have in their possession or transport a turkey unless the turkey license is attached to a leg of the turkey and the appropriate information is cut on the turkey license. (The license is no longer valid after cutting.)

**Baiting Prohibited**—It is unlawful to hunt for, take, or attempt to take wild turkeys over bait. For the purpose of this regulation, “bait” means a substance composed of grain, fruit, vegetables or other food placed to lure or entice wild turkeys. This does not apply to standing farm crops (normal agricultural practices) or other natural growing grains, fruits or vegetables.

**License**—The license is not valid unless signed by the successful applicant. Licenses cannot be altered or transferred.

**Decoys**—Mechanical, electronic or live decoys are prohibited. Mechanical decoy means any device that by design or construction uses motion as a visual stimulus to attract a wild turkey, except a wind sock or similar decoy body anchored at a fixed point into the ground and whose only motion is derived exclusively by power of the natural wind.

## Recreational Trespass

This law requires permission from the landowner or lease holder before you may hunt on any farmlands or connected woodlots or on any fenced or posted private lands and prohibits discharge of a firearm within the right-of-way of public roads adjacent to these lands without permission of the landowner.

## **Wild Turkey Cooperator Patch**

The Michigan chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, in partnership with the DNR, is coordinating Michigan's wild turkey patch program.

Young hunters, ages 12–17, who have a valid wild turkey hunting license may receive a free patch. Adult hunters, collectors and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. To receive a patch, please send name and complete address, along with a legible copy of the youth's valid wild turkey hunting license, to National Wild Turkey Federation, Wild Turkey Patch Program, P.O. Box 8, Orleans, MI 48865. Individuals who are purchasing the patch should make their check or money order payable to the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The NWTF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the American wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition. Proceeds from patch sales will be used to fund wild turkey-related projects in Michigan. Each year the NWTF, working cooperatively with the DNR, contributes more than \$300,000 to wild turkey and hunter-heritage programs in Michigan.

## **New Turkey Harvest Reporting Option**

Turkey hunters we need your help. After your hunting season has ended, please report your hunting activity on the Internet by visiting the Hunting section or Wild Turkey page at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). Participation in this program is important to the future of turkey hunting. Information you provide will improve turkey management and ensure decisions regarding hunting seasons are based on the best information available.

## Application Information

- You must be 12 years old by the time a license is purchased.
- Review application guide and follow instructions under How to Apply.
- You must pay a \$4 nonrefundable fee at the time of application.
- You may apply
  - at any authorized license dealer
  - at many DNR offices throughout the state
  - online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)
- It is best to apply using a valid Michigan Driver License number.
- Keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- Verify that customer ID (Michigan Driver License, DNR Sportcard, or state of Michigan ID card) numbers were correctly entered. An incorrect customer ID may cause you to become ineligible for a license.
- Verify that your information was correctly entered and keep your application receipt.
- You may apply only once, either as an individual or with one partner.
  - The first applicant of each partnership will supply the hunt area choice and receive a "partnership identification" number. The other partner will need this ID number, when applying, to complete the partnership.
- Applicants who apply more than once, falsify information or apply with more than one party member will be ineligible for the drawing.
- It is unlawful to apply more than once or purchase more than one spring turkey hunting license.
- If successful, you must go to a license dealer to purchase your turkey hunting license. You do not need to have your notification card with you when you purchase your license.
  - All licenses must be signed to be valid.
  - Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
  - Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

## Spring Turkey Hunting Season

All hunters must apply for a license **or** purchase a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license between January 1 and February 1 to be eligible to participate in the spring turkey hunting season. Hunters who purchase a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license during the application period will not be charged the \$4 application fee. Individuals who apply for the Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) as their first choice will automatically be awarded that hunt.

All participants may purchase one license. Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to purchase a leftover license or a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license.

### Spring Turkey License Costs

Item Number	Name	Cost
165	Spring Turkey Application	\$4.00
166	Turkey Spring Resident License	\$14.00
167	Turkey Spring Senior License	\$5.60
168	Turkey Spring Nonresident License*	\$65.00

\*Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase a resident license.

**Drawing results will be posted Feb. 14 at 10 a.m.  
at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)**

**All applicants, except those who applied online,  
will be mailed a postcard by Feb. 21.**

### Assistance

If you encounter problems with your spring wild turkey application, you can obtain assistance by calling 517-373-3904. All inquiries regarding your application must be made prior to Feb. 1. Following the drawing, you can call this number if you also need assistance with purchasing a license or if you have not received a notification card by Feb. 21.

### Leftover Licenses

After the drawing, any remaining licenses will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis only to **unsuccessful** applicants in the license lottery. Unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license or a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license in person at any license dealer beginning March 3 at 10 a.m. (EDT).



# Department of Natural Resources Directory

## WILDLIFE

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[www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

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Violations (RAP).....800-292-7800

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open  
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga  
427 US-41 North  
Baraga, MI 49908  
906-353-6651

Gaylord  
1732 W. M-32  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
989-732-3541

Bay City  
503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1  
Bay City, MI 48706  
989-684-9141

Marquette  
1990 US-41 South  
Marquette, MI 49855  
906-228-6561

Roscommon  
1-75 & M-18 South  
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
989-275-5151

Livonia  
38980 Seven Mile Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48152  
734-953-0241

Newberry  
5100 M-123  
Newberry, MI 49868  
906-293-5131

Cadillac  
8015 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-9727

Plainwell  
621 N. 10th St.  
Plainwell, MI 49080  
269-685-6851



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

## Equal Rights for Natural Resource Users

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunities for employment and access to Michigan's natural resources. Both state and federal laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sex, height, weight or marital status under the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 as amended (MI PA 453 and MI PA 220, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or if you desire additional information, please write: HUMAN RESOURCES, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, BOX 30028, LANSING MI 48909-7528, or the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS, STATE OF MICHIGAN PLAZA BUILDING, 1200 6TH STREET, DETROIT MI 48226, or the OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS, US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, 4040 NORTH FAIRFAX DRIVE, ARLINGTON VA 22203.

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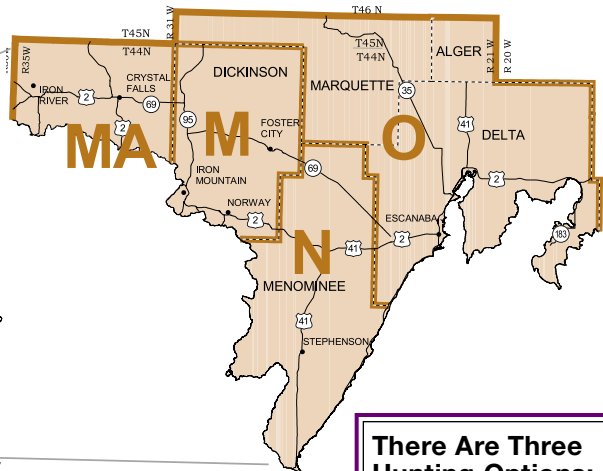
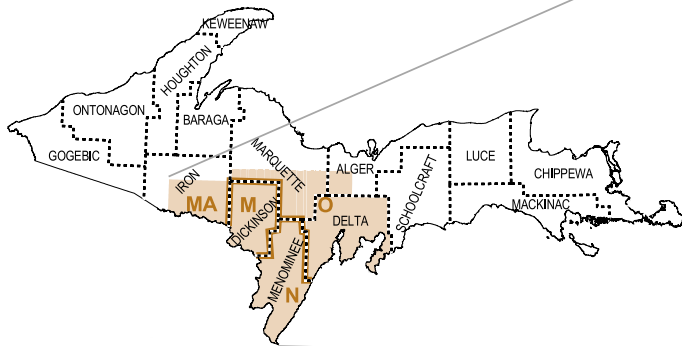
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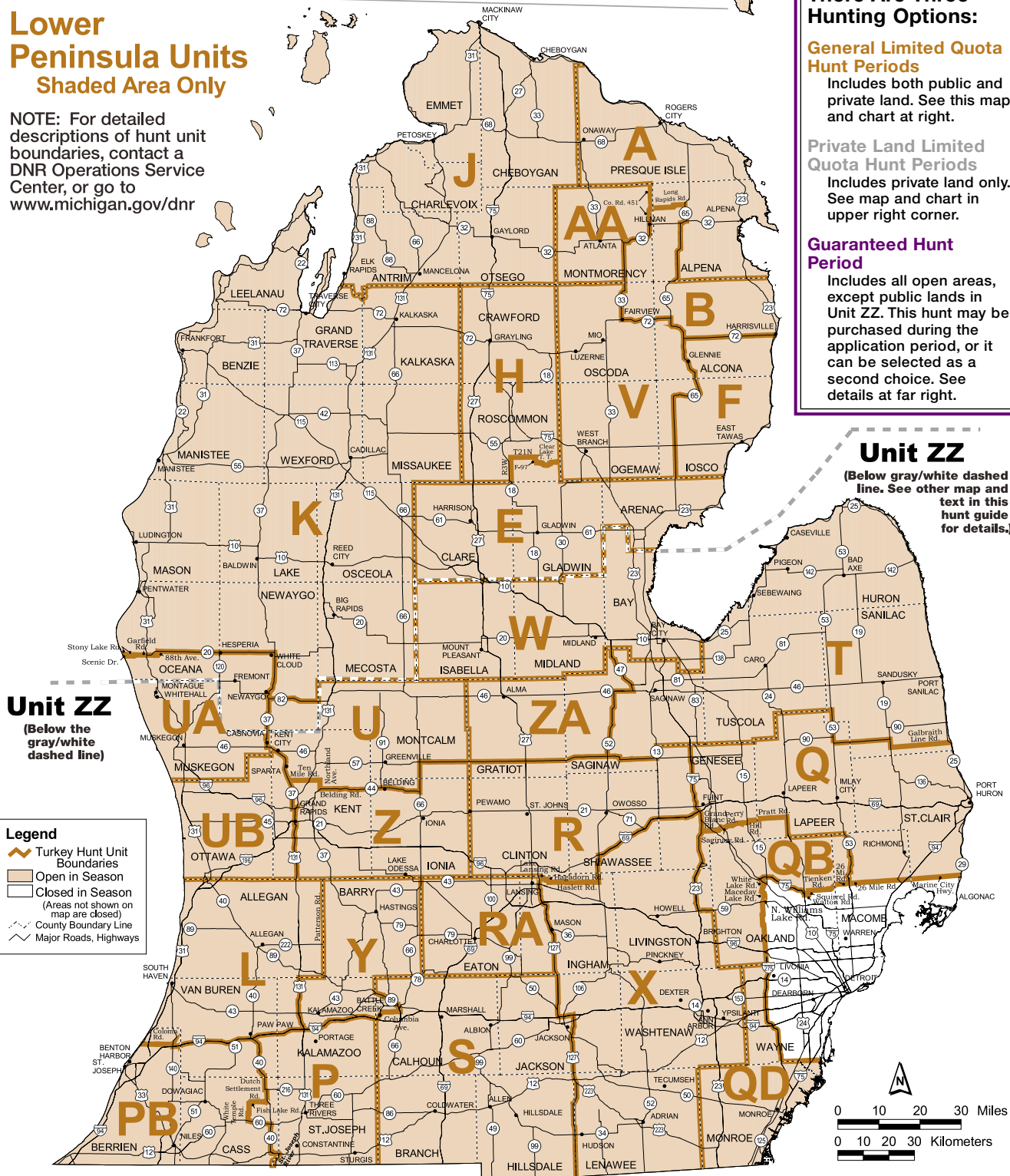
# Spring 2003 Turkey Hunting Units — General Limited Quota Hunt Units

## Upper Peninsula Units Shaded Area Only



## Lower Peninsula Units Shaded Area Only

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of hunt unit boundaries, contact a DNR Operations Service Center, or go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)



### There Are Three Hunting Options:

**General Limited Quota Hunt Periods**  
Includes both public and private land. See this map and chart at right.

**Private Land Limited Quota Hunt Periods**  
Includes private land only. See map and chart in upper right corner.

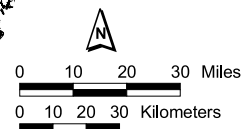
**Guaranteed Hunt Period**  
Includes all open areas, except public lands in Unit ZZ. This hunt may be purchased during the application period, or it can be selected as a second choice. See details at far right.

### Unit ZZ

(Below gray/white dashed line. See other map and text in this hunt guide for details.)

**Unit ZZ**  
(Below the gray/white dashed line)

**Legend**  
 Turkey Hunt Unit Boundaries  
 Open in Season  
 Closed in Season (Areas not shown on map are closed)  
 County Boundary Line  
 Major Roads, Highways



# How to Apply

- 1 Look at the maps and choose a hunt unit.
- 2 Find the hunt number for the hunt unit you chose. You may make two choices.
- 3 Complete worksheet.
- 4 Apply at a license agent or online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)
- 5 Check your receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

## General Limited Quota Hunt Units

Includes both public and private land

The general licenses listed below are valid on all land within the unit.

HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA**
101	A	April 21–May 4	2,500
102	AA	April 21–April 27	700
103	AA	April 28–May 4	700
104	B	April 21–May 4	4,000
105	E	April 21–April 27	850
106	E	April 28–May 4	850
107	F	April 21–April 27	800
108	F	April 28–May 4	800
109	H	April 21–April 27	750
110	H	April 28–May 4	750
111	J	April 21–April 27	2,000
112	J	April 28–May 4	2,000
113	K	April 21–April 27	4,000
114	K	April 28–May 4	4,500
115	L	April 21–April 27	250
116	L	April 28–May 4	250
117	L	May 5–May 11	250
118	L	May 12–May 31	250
119	M	April 21–April 27	450
120	M	April 28–May 4	450
121	MA	April 21–April 27	350
122	MA	April 28–May 4	350
123	N	April 21–April 27	1,200
124	N	April 28–May 4	1,000
125	O	April 21–April 27	450
126	O	April 28–May 4	450
127	P	April 21–April 27	80
128	P	April 28–May 4	80
129	P	May 5–May 11	80
130	P	May 12–May 31	80
131	PB	April 21–April 27	40
132	PB	April 28–May 4	40
133	PB	May 5–May 11	40
134	PB	May 12–May 31	40
135	Q	April 21–April 27	300
136	Q	April 28–May 4	300
137	Q	May 5–May 11	300
138	Q	May 12–May 31	300

\*\*Quotas may be adjusted based on winter population surveys.

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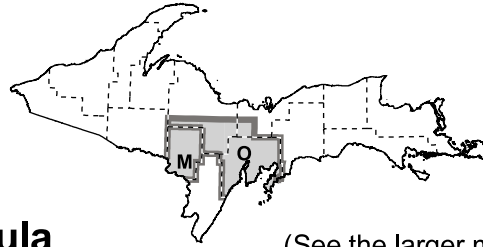
HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA**
139	QB	April 21–April 27	100
140	QB	April 28–May 4	100
141	QB	May 5–May 11	100
142	QB	May 12–May 31	100
143	QD	April 21–April 27	10
144	QD	April 28–May 4	10
145	QD	May 5–May 11	10
146	QD	May 12–May 31	10
147	R	April 21–April 27	100
148	R	April 28–May 4	100
149	R	May 5–May 11	100
150	R	May 12–May 31	100
151	RA	April 21–April 27	10
152	RA	April 28–May 4	10
153	RA	May 5–May 11	10
154	RA	May 12–May 31	10
155	S	April 21–April 27	40
156	S	April 28–May 4	40
157	S	May 5–May 11	40
158	S	May 12–May 31	40
159	T	April 21–April 27	400
160	T	April 28–May 4	450
161	T	May 5–May 11	450
162	T	May 12–May 31	400
163	U	April 21–April 27	300
164	U	April 28–May 4	300
165	U	May 5–May 11	300
166	U	May 12–May 31	300
167	UA	April 21–April 27	275
168	UA	April 28–May 4	275
169	UA	May 5–May 11	275
170	UA	May 12–May 31	275
171	UB	April 21–April 27	50
172	UB	April 28–May 4	50
173	UB	May 5–May 11	50
174	UB	May 12–May 31	50
175	V	April 21–April 27	800
176	V	April 28–May 4	800
177	W	April 21–April 27	400
178	W	April 28–May 4	400
179	X	April 21–April 27	400
180	X	April 28–May 4	400
181	X	May 5–May 11	400
182	X	May 12–May 31	400
183	Y	April 21–April 27	250
184	Y	April 28–May 4	250
185	Y	May 5–May 11	250
186	Y	May 12–May 31	250
187	Z	April 21–April 27	125
188	Z	April 28–May 4	125
189	Z	May 5–May 11	125
190	Z	May 12–May 31	125
191	ZA	April 21–April 27	150
192	ZA	April 28–May 4	150
193	ZA	May 5–May 11	150
194	ZA	May 12–May 31	150

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# Private Land Limited Quota Hunt Units

## Upper Peninsula Unit M and Unit O

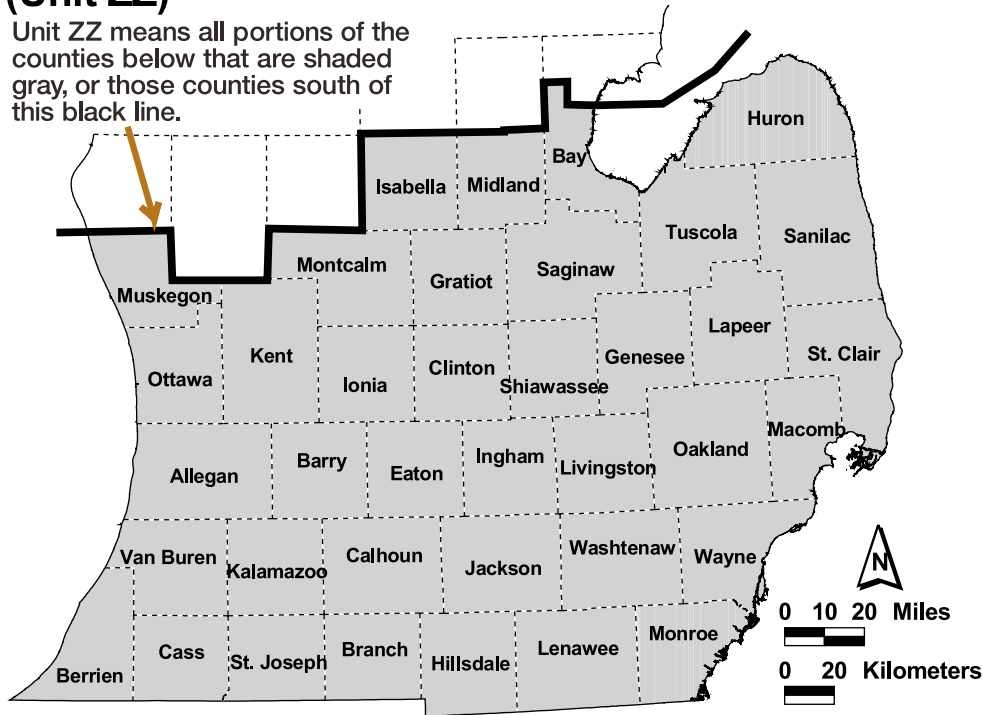
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(See the larger map  
in this hunt guide  
for details)

## Southern Lower Peninsula Wild Turkey Management Unit (Unit ZZ)

Unit ZZ means all portions of the counties below that are shaded gray, or those counties south of this black line.



# Private Land Limited Quota Hunt Units

Includes private land only

The private land licenses listed below are not valid on county, state or federal lands. You are encouraged to have permission to hunt private lands before applying for one of these licenses.

HUNT NUMBERS	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	MAXIMUM LICENSE QUOTA**
201	M	April 21–April 27	450
202	M	April 28–May 4	450
203	O	April 21–April 27	800
204	O	April 28–May 4	800
301	ZZ	April 21–May 4	65,000***

\*\*Quotas may be adjusted based on winter population surveys.

\*\*\*Quota may be adjusted based on application rate.

## Guaranteed Hunt Period

**All applicants for this hunt are guaranteed a hunting license valid for all open areas, except public lands in the Southern Lower Peninsula Wild Turkey Management Unit (Unit ZZ).**

HUNT NUMBER	HUNT UNIT	OPEN SEASON
234	All Spring Units*	May 5–May 31

\*Excluding public lands in the Southern Lower Peninsula Wild Turkey Management Unit (Unit ZZ).

**Hunt No. 234 may be purchased during the application period. Individuals who select this option will not be charged the application fee. Hunters who apply for Hunt No. 234 as their first choice will automatically be awarded that hunt. Hunters also may select this hunt as a second choice on their application.**

**NOTE: Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to purchase a Guaranteed Hunt Period (Hunt No. 234) license or one leftover license.**

## Application Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

1. Your birth date?      \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
2. Customer ID number?      Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card, or DNR Sportcard
3. Application item type?      165 Spring Turkey Application
4. Joining existing party?      No, if applying by yourself or you are the first person in a party to apply; (Go to item 6).  
(Parties may not exceed 2 people)      Yes, if joining a partner (Go to item 5).
5. Party ID number?      (\_\_\_\_\_) (Same number as printed on your partner's receipt; none, if applying by yourself)
6. Hunt Number      \_\_\_\_\_ First choice  
(See table for hunt numbers)      \_\_\_\_\_ Second choice (optional)

**Note:** You must get a new party ID number each year, even if you apply for the same hunt number and have the same partner.